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NEW COURT FEES AND FEE INCREASES TAKE EFFECT

Several new statewide court filing fees and fee increases will take effect today as the result of the 2003 Budget Act signed Saturday, August 2 by Governor Gray Davis. Additional new fees and fee increases will take effect on August 17, 2003.

Changes in court fees are designed to maintain access and continue public services in the California trial courts at a time of unprecedented deficits in the State Budget. The fees were included in Assembly Bill 1759 that was signed on August 2 and is part of the 2003 Budget Act.

A summary of fees is listed below. The changes have also been incorporated into the Ventura Superior Court's fee schedule, which can be viewed on the court's web site at www.courts.countyofventura.org.

The following fees take effect immediately:

Court Reporter Fee: A one-time nonrefundable fee of \$25 to be paid by each party for the services of an official reporter lasting one hour or less to be paid when filing a first paper in a civil action of \$10,000 or more.

Collection of Court Reporter Fees: Fee to be assessed equal to the actual cost of providing that service to the parties on a pro rata basis for each proceeding lasting more than one hour.

The following fees will take effect on August 17, 2003:

Notice of Motion Fee: To be increased from \$26 to \$37.

Summary Judgment Motion Fee: To be increased from \$110 to \$165.

Filing Fee on Limited Jurisdiction Cases Over \$10,000:
To be increased to \$273.

Small Claims Fee: To be increased from \$39 to \$66 for filers of more than 12 claims per year.

Continuance Fee: Establishes a \$100 fee when a continuance of a trial is granted in civil and family law cases.

Complex Cases Fee: Additional fee of \$500 for each party in a civil case designated complex.

Probate Fees: Establishes graduated filing fees of \$245 to \$3,885 for probate proceedings based on the estimated value of the decedent's estate at the time of filing.

Court Security Assessment: A \$20 fee to be assessed for court security for civil filings (except small claims) and criminal and traffic convictions (except parking).

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